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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,400,000
(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between VI and XXI Corps: LANDSBERG Y3443 - Y3728 - Y4020 - Y4705 - Austrian-German International Boundary vicinity D7582 - E1571 - E0450 - E1938.

Boundary between XXI and XV Corps: Y5764 - Y9729 - ROSENHEIM Z2827 (to XV Corps) - Z4724 - Z8022 - Z9511 - BERCHTESGADEN Z9506 (to XXI Corps) - A0070 - X2004.

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (071200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. 5th French Armored Division and 4th French Mountain Division (with 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Units occupied TSCHAGGUNS Z8940, SCHRUNS Z9140 and BRAID Z7743 and reached SCHATTEN Z7641, MUTTEN Z9645 and DALAAS Z9744. Determined resistance from SS troops was encountered. Front line change: Z7743 - Z7641 - Z8940 - Z9140 - Z9645 - Z9744. 2d Moroccan Division. Units advanced eight miles south and occupied STUBEN V0946. Front line change: V0946.

II French Corps. 9th Colonial Division. Moved to the vicinity of W6541. 1st French Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of X3055.

SEVENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 100th and 63d Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. Units prepared to occupy assigned areas and to enforce surrender terms. 44th Division. 324th Infantry moved southwest from LANDECK V3944 and reached the Pass in the area V3412, an advance of eighteen miles. Front line change: V3412. 103d Division. Maintained contact with units of the Fifth Army.

XXI Corps. All units prepared to occupy assigned areas and to enforce surrender terms. 2d French Armored Division. Combat Command "V" commenced movement to the vicinity of DIASSEN Y5133 to rejoin the division. 12th Armored Division. Assembled in the vicinity of HEIDENHEIM S7811.

XV Corps. 3d Division. Assembled in the vicinity of SALZBURG Z9726 and was placed in army reserve. 45th Division. Remained in the vicinity of MUNCHEN Y8556 and was placed in army reserve. 42d Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of Z0545. 20th Armored Division. Closed in a division assembly area in the vicinity of TETTENHSEN Z7441. 86th Division. Assembled in the vicinity of DORFBEUERN Z9349 after having moved twelve miles east to that area. Front line change: V0737.

21 ARMY GROUP. (071200B). SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XVIII US Airborne Corps. No change.

VIII British Corps. Advance units departed for COPENHAGEN, Denmark to come under SHAEF command upon arrival.

XII British Corps. No change.

XXX Corps. Guards Armored Division. Units secured an airfield in the vicinity of R6075 while other units of the division commenced movement to the vicinity of CUXHAVEN R6386.

I British Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. 5th Canadian

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Brigade occupied ELSFLETH R4916, RODENKIRCHEN R4834 and WADDENS R4550. The 4th Canadian Brigade assembled in the vicinity of R3317 and the 6th Canadian Brigade in the vicinity of OLDENBURG R3105. 4th Canadian Armored Division. 10th Infantry Brigade occupied VAREL R2633, a move of seven miles. The 4th Canadian Armored Brigade moved to the vicinity of R2525. Front line change: R2525 - R2633. 1st Polish Armored Division. Units entered HOOKSIEL R1959, JEVER R1053 and the areas R1450 and R0760. Front line change: R1959 - R0760. 3d Canadian Division. Advanced up to fourteen miles and occupied ESENS Q9261, MOORDORF Q7742, EMDEN Q6530 and NORDEN Q6555. Front line change: Q9261 - Q8357 - Q6556 - Q7742 - Q6530.

I Canadian Corps. 1st Canadian Division. (With 74th Br AA Bde and 1st Army Gp Royal Cdn Arty and Royal Netherlands Bde atchd). 74th British Anti-aircraft Brigade, 1st Army Group Royal Canadian Artillery and Royal Netherlands Brigade were attached to 1st Canadian Division as of 061800B.

AIR. (7 May). Eighth Air Force: 241 bombers sortied on food-dropping missions over Holland while 446 bombers dropped leaflets over Germany. Ninth Air Force: 675 aircraft evacuated 2,000 casualties, 9,000 liberated British prisoners of war. 143 aircraft sortied on demonstrations over prisoner of war camps.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Scattered showers after 1400B. Clouds: Scattered to broken clouds. Visibility: 2 - 3 miles at dawn, becoming more than 6 miles during the afternoon, except in showers where limited to 1 mile. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at WIESEADEN: Maximum 72° F. Minimum 52° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. There was no enemy activity on the army front. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry (non-div). No change. 70th Division. No change. 4th Division. Continued movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of NURNBERG 04100. Attached to III Corps at 072400B.

III Corps. 99th Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of WUTZBURG N5835.

XX Corps. No change.

XII Corps. 26th Division. Advanced northeast up to five miles on a twenty-two mile front. Front line change: Q9119 - Q9121 - Q9030 - Q8336 - Q8036 - Q7434 - Q7236 - Q6636 - Q6238. 5th Division. Advanced east up to two miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: Q5053 - Q5057 and Q4463. 90th Division. Advanced north up to nine miles on an eight-mile front and mopped up the area in rear of the 4th Armored Division. Front line change: Q1997 - Q1798 - Q1599 - Q1299 - Q0799.

V Corps. 2d Division. Advanced east up to fifteen miles on a six-mile front. Front line change: L1331 - L1535 - L1738 - L1540. 16th Armored Division. Advanced northeast up to three miles on a six-mile front. Released from 12th Army Group reserve 5 May. Front line change: L1241 - L0647. 97th Division. Advanced north up to ten miles on a nine-mile front. Front line change: P9056 - P8463 - P7762. 1st Division. (With CCA 9th Armd Div atchd). Advanced east up to eight miles on a ten-mile front. Front line change: P5278 - P6283 - P5888 - P5087 - P4686 - P4487 - P3594 and K3902 - K3806.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 78th Division. No change.

NINTH ARMY. 5th Armored Division. Relieved from attachment to XVIII Airborne Corps and Second British Army (21 Army Gp) and attached to XIII Corps.

VIII Corps. No change.

VII Corps. No change.

XIX Corps. 30th Division. Relieved from attachment to XIX Corps and attached to XIII Corps at 080200B. 113th Cavalry Group. Reverted to control of XIX Corps at 072400B. 83d Division. Completed relief of 2d Armored Division and units of 8th Armored Division and assumed responsibility for new sector at 072000B. Relieved from attachment to XIX Corps and attached to XIII Corps at 080200B. 2d Armored Division. Continued movement to an assembly area south of BRAUNSCHEIG X9011. Reverted to army control at 080600B. 8th Armored Division. Assumed responsibility for new sector in corps rear area. Relieved from attachment to XIX Corps and attached to VII Corps at 080600B.

XIII Corps. Assumed responsibility for the area occupied by the 83d and 30th Divisions. 84th Division. The 334th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of WITTINGEN Y0363 at 072140B.

XVI Corps. No change.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 56th Division. (With 422d RCT and 423d RCT attached). Enemy forces in the LORIENT sector capitulated at 072400B. Enemy forces in the ST. NAZAIRE sector continued resistance. 106th Division. (Loss 422d RCT and 423d RCT). No change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 072400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	74,237	297,509	34,483	10,177	416,406
Non-battle					326,826
Total Casualties					743,232

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: 6th Army Group Tac HEIDELBERG R6990; 1st French Division RIEDLINGEN X2952; 9th Colonial Division TUTTLINGEN W8032; 1st French Armored Division BIBERACH X5346.

21 Army Group: II Canadian Corps R1910; 3d Canadian Division Q8342.

12th Army Group: XIX Corps BAD NAUHEIM M7196; XX Corps KREMSMUNSTER V7559; 2d Division PILSEN L0642; 90th Division SUSICE Q2086; 97th Division KONSTANTINOVY LAZNE P7655.

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